



Knights of Columbus / Sacred Heart Council 2842

# NEWSLETTER FROM THE HEART



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## GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



My Brother's All,

I want to thank all my Brothers for their prayers, support and well wishes over the past few weeks, it means a lot.

For those who do not know, early on June 7 I received the phone call I had been waiting for for a while. A nurse from St. Barnabas Hospital called me to let me

know that they had a kidney waiting for me! They first had to run some tests to make sure everything was ok. Waiting for that second call was torture but when they called and said everything was good and I should head over to the hospital, I was so happy and relieved. After calling my family, I quickly headed over to the hospital.

The procedure took place that Monday morning and everything went good. The doctors have said of the three transplants they did before mine, my body was responding the best, thank God.

So now I am home, recovering but feeling much better. Recovery will take some time. I can't be around any people right now while I recover so maybe our ZOOM meetings are the best thing since I can still be active in a meeting without being around everyone.

I would also like to ask that we keep the soul of my kidney donor in your prayers. He was only 50 years old. He died and I now have a second life. Let's just keep his soul and his family in our prayers.

Lastly, I would like to thank my officers for holding down the fort and keeping everything running smooth while I am out. Thank you also for the Edible Arrangement

from the Council, it was delicious, and I appreciate it.

So again, thank you for all your prayers and support and I look forward to being back, better than ever, and I look forward to seeing all my Brothers again soon.

Vivat Jesus!  
Gerrard Sorrentino  
Grand Knight

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## DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S MESSAGE



My Brothers All,

As the country begins the process of "getting back to normal" at the council we're slowly starting to return to a sense of normalcy and familiarity also. By taking advantage of the long, warm days of summer, we've been able to have in person Officers, Columbian Club and General Council Meetings in our back-parking lot while practicing safe social distancing. Through our social media platform, most notably our council website, we saw a somewhat return of council events as we were able to conclude our "2020 20 Week Club" with a small outdoor gathering of Council Officers present to witness the drawings and the majority of our large audience, able to watch through a streaming service provided by Brother Willie Sanchez on our Facebook page and Council

website. Later on this month we will see the return of a council tradition, our annual blood drive. Again, specific rules will be in place and the way this year's event will be run will be much different than in years past, but at least it's a start to getting back into the groove slowly but surely.

Speaking of "returning to normal", part of that return to normality also included a return of in person masses. If you attend mass at Sacred Heart then you know that mass has been taking place outdoors as well as being live streamed on the parish website and Facebook page. In regards to the outdoor mass, I would like to thank all my fellow Brothers who have been volunteering their time to ensure the safety of everyone attending by enforcing social distancing and reminding parishioners to wear their masks and keep their hands clean. We know it has not been easy trying to contain such a large crowd, but Fr. Rich and I thank you very much for your help.

Brothers, we often do not like change because we tend to look at change as us losing something and fail to see that we might also be gaining something. We now have ZOOM capabilities and a way to stream events, perhaps well after this entire pandemic is totally over, we can continue to use our ZOOM service as a way to get more Brothers to attend a meeting who in the past maybe couldn't attend because they needed someone to watch the kids or they have trouble driving at night. This is something we never considered before but now because we were forced to change, is an important tool that we have gained in keeping more of our Brothers informed and engaged and bringing a meeting or event to

them if they themselves couldn't make the event. You see, change isn't always a bad thing!

I would like to wish all my Brothers a safe and happy summer and a very happy Fourth of July. As we celebrate our independence, let us call to mind that however free we may be in the greatest land on Earth, we are actually controlled by a force far greater and powerful than we can ever know. For God controls our destiny and lights our path. We must not fight it or question it but rather accept it as part of a plan that will manifest itself in His time.

Vivat Jesus!  
Vince Sicari  
Deputy Grand Knight

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## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT



Worthy Brothers,

Not much to report for membership, things have definitely slowed down the last few months but hopefully with things returning to normal, our membership recruitment efforts will pick up again.

I would like to congratulate two of our newest Brothers on stepping up and getting active in the council. First is Rob Heyrich who has volunteered to be the new chair of our annual "Adopt A Family" event

during Christmas. Rob has also volunteered his time in our garden with another new Brother Knight, Ray Lancaster. The second Brother is Jorge Ramos who will be our new Outside Guard effective July 1. It is this kind of eagerness to get involved that we love to see, way to go Brothers!

Again, I encourage all my Brothers to go out and be "fishers of men" and recruit new members by talking up our council and the Knights of Columbus. We are the best advertisement we have, lets go out there and tell every man we know how rewarding being a Knight of Columbus can be!

Vivat Jesus!  
Nelson Cupeles  
Chancellor

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## COLUMBIAN CLUB

Brothers,

As we slowly begin to go back to normal, we're looking at ways to go back to safely hosting parties and events at our council. The 20 Week Club Grand Finale was a big test for us as we used social distancing rules and held the event outdoors in order to have people present but also keep everyone safe. It's going to be a lot of trial and error and is going to take a lot of getting used to, but we'll get there.

Before we closed due to the pandemic, we were looking into redoing our roof and solar panels. We have begun to reexamine this topic and re in the process of getting the roof looked at and getting estimates. We want to take our time with this, make sure we do it right.

There has been an ongoing issue with the doctor's office next door using our lot during business hours. We have politely asked the doctor several times not to park in our lot as it is private property. The office has ignored our request. Recently we sent a formal letter to the doctor, once again requesting that the doctor and his staff halt using our lot with a 10-day response window. Once again the request was ignored with a ring-a-round response from the doctor. We are now in contact with the RPPD about having signs put in place with the proper and updated town ordinances. We are all for being neighborly and doing the right thing, but we are also about respect and the actions of this doctor is a clear sign of disrespect.

As Brothers of the Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus, we are all members of the Columbian Club. All Brothers are invited to attend our Columbian Club Meetings held on the second Monday of the month (following the Council Officer's Meeting) at 8PM to get a sense of how the business end of the Knights of Columbus operates. Our next Columbian Club Meeting is scheduled for July 13. Our last Columbian Club Meeting was held in person in our back-parking lot. It was different but I feel it went well and might be something we do again, I'll keep you all posted.

Frank Del Re  
Columbian Club Chairman

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## Blood Drive

Because of you, life doesn't stop.  
#VitalToLife

### Sponsored By: K. of C. #2842 Rochelle Park

Friday, July 17, 2020  
5:00 pm - 8:30 pm

235 Rochelle Ave.  
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

APPOINTMENTS ONLY.

### COVID-19 Antibody Testing Now Available

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## PARISH NEWS

Dear Brothers,

WE'RE BACK! Father's Day weekend (June 20 -21) marked a return to Our Father as for the first time in three months we gathered in person to worship across from our parish at Midland Field. Of course, it was the hottest day of the summer thus far and of course it was not without its challenges, but we pulled through and everything went well in the end.

In person masses will continue to be held outdoors until we are able to return to a larger capacity than 50 inside our church. In talking to my staff after the first weekend of outdoor masses, we decided to make some changes based off of attendance and weather. Saturday evening mass was changed to 7PM on June 27 (this was done so that it would be a little cooler with the sun setting) and Sunday morning mass stayed at 11AM. Due to the smaller than expected crowd that gathered at Midland School on June 20-21, we decided to move mass to our small lot behind the church (in between the rectory and the school). These changes seem to have worked out quite well.

If you will be attending outdoor mass in our back lot, I remind you that face coverings are required by law to be worn by all. Also remember, for those who wish

to receive Communion, Communion will be received with hands out reached (Communion MAY NOT be received on the tongue) and the Eucharistic Minister placing the Precious Body of Christ in your hand. To consume the Precious Body of Christ, please wait until after the EM has moved away from you, remove your face covering, consume the Host and then place back on your face covering. There will be no Precious Blood with Communion for the time being.

As we are gradually working towards getting back into our worship space for mass as it "used to be", we have decided to continue with our "new normal" and continue to livestream our weekends masses for the foreseeable future. Our livestreams have become very popular, gaining over 10,000 views a weekend with folks watching as far as Ireland! It is a wonderful evangelization tool to have and one we will continue to use well beyond the time the pandemic has ended.

Slowly we are returning to our normal, but we must not forget all that we have learned and practiced over the past few months. If we continue to be safe and take precaution, we can avoid seeing a deadly second wave. Be safe!

Peace and Blessings  
Fr. Richard Kelly – Chaplain

## **COUNCIL GOLF OUTING IS STILL ON!**

Friday September 18, 2020  
Preakness Valley Golf Course  
Wayne, New Jersey



More Information to Come  
Contact Event Chairman Keith Hopkins for Detail

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### **20 WEEK CLUB**

Week 1 – January 31: Patrick Galarza (Ticket 113) Sold by PGK Bob Smith

Week 2 – February 7: Myra Baez (Ticket 479) Sold by PGK John Abbattista

Week 3 – February 14: Bob Hanrahan (Ticket 757) Sold by Bob Hanrahan

Week 4 – February 21: Melinda Monachio (Ticket 246) Sold by Ken Bransfield

Week 5 – February 28: Bob Hanrahan (Ticket 759) Sold by Bob Hanrahan

Week 6 – March 6: Curtis Gaines (Ticket 285) Sold by Paul Mosca

Week 7 – June 26: Fran Mahon (Ticket 800) Sold by Brian Mahon

Week 8 – June 26: Pam Duke (Ticket 199) Sold by Gil Duke

Week 9 – June 26: Nicholas Vecchione (Ticket 783) Sold by PGK Steve Lazarus

Week 10 – June 26: Pauls Leichtnam (Ticket 884) Sold by Joe Leichtnam

Week 11 – June 26: Jon Pallouras (Ticket 375) Sold by Jon Pallouras

Week 12 – June 26: Luz Vazquez (Ticket 975) Sold by Eric Freeman

Week 13 – June 26: Ricky Currasco (Ticket 927) Sold by PGK Pete Crespo

Week 14 – June 26: Joey Connors (Ticket 725) Sold by Joey Connors

Week 15 – June 26: Doug Cinnella (Ticket 394) Sold by Evans Lazzaro

Week 16 – June 26: Pam Duke (Ticket 197) Sold by Gil Duke

Week 17 – June 26: Ed Dillworth (Ticket 392) Sold by Evans Lazzaro

Week 18 – June 26: Rob Finch (Ticket 256) Sold by Ken Bransfield

Week 19– June 26: Peter Mosca (Ticket 901) Sold by Peter Mosca

Week 20– June 26: Doug Cinella (Ticket 393) Sold by Evans Lazzaro

\$600 Winner – June 26: Kathy Kennedy (Ticket 952) Sold by PGK Jon Kennedy

\$900 Winner – June 26: Brian Niland (Ticket 339) Sold by Jim Rendine Jr

\$1,250 Winner – June 26: Susan Lazzaro (Ticket 430) Sold by Evans Lazzaro

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## **THANK YOU & WELCOME!**

July 1 begins a new Columbian year. It is at the start of the Columbian year where officers make a decision to continue serving as an officer or resign their post. Our Outside Guard Jason Abughusson has elected to step down from his post effective July 1. We thank Jason very much for his two years as our Outside Guard, he performed the responsibilities of the position exceptionally well and left quite the shoes to fill for our new Outside Guard.

Speaking of Outside Guard, we are pleased to welcome a brand-new member and recent 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Brother, Jorge Ramos to this position. Jorge is an officer with the West New York PD, he's active in

town with various youth sports and in his less than one year as a member of our council has already volunteered with the Free-Throw Competition and the donation drive held for earthquake victims in Puerto Rico.

Brothers, please join me in thanking Jason for his service and welcoming Jorge as an officer in our council. Below is the slate of Council Officers for the 2020 Columbian Year.

Vivat Jesus!  
PGK Pat Ferrera

Gerrard Sorrentino – Grand Knight

Vince Sicari – Deputy Grand Knight

Nelson Cupeles – Chancellor

Gil Duke - Warden

Anthony Meyer – Recorder

Ken Rekuc – Inside Guard

Jorge Ramos – Outside Guard

Keith Hopkins – Treasurer

David Torebka – Financial Secretary

Fr. Richard Kelly – Chaplain

Deacon Nick Valdez – Spiritual Advisor

PGK Joe Gyulay – Advocate

PGK Jon Kennedy – Trustee Three Year

PGK Brian Cronin – Trustee Two Year

PGK Bob Smith – Trustee One Year

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## 2020 COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Each June, at the conclusion of the academic school year, the council awards two scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each to two local 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will be attending a catholic high school in the fall. The scholarship is based on community service, academics, coop test results and recommendations. This year the council was pleased to award the scholarship to Michael Del and Joseph Leonardi on June 16 at the Midland School graduation ceremony. Michael and Joseph are terrific young men. Both are on the Rochelle Park baseball team and poses tremendous maturity and leadership characteristics.

Michael (pictured on the left) will be attending Bergen Catholic and Joseoh will be attending St. Joseph Regional. We wish them the best of luck in their academic future.

PGK Pat Ferrara, PGK John Abbattista, Ken Recuk and John Tronolone Scholarship Nominating Committee



## CONDOLENCES

It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of Donald Francis Malone, father of Brother Knight John Malone, on June 16, 2020 and Lorraine Francia, mother-in-law of PGK Pete Crespo on June 21.

Please keep Brother John Malone, PGK Pete Crespo and their families in your prayers.

*Eternal rest grant unto them,*

*O Lord, and let perpetual light shine*

*upon them. May their souls, and the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy*

*of God, rest in peace*

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### **If Our Wives Knew, What the Widow Knows**

As a Field Agent for the Order, no widow has ever told me, "Take some of this money back, I don't need it". No widow has ever said, "This is too much". No widow has ever refused the check we bring her.

I have had many widows say to me, "I wish he had more insurance".

Ask yourself this. WILL YOUR WIDOW BE HAPPY WITH YOU OR DISAPPOINTED IN THE AMOUNT OF COVERAGE YOU HAVE WHEN YOU DIE???

During this pandemic, your Knights of Columbus Field Insurance Agents have done more death claims than in any previous quarter of any year. 75% of the time we are paying the claim on a member/male member of the household. As I am writing this, on June 21<sup>st</sup>, over 255 members have died since April 15th in New Jersey, (over 1300 total deaths of members in New Jersey this Columbian year). That's a about 25% increase over how many members died in the same period last year. That's a lot of widows and children of members that we have been helping.

There was a study done, recently, that said that people have inquiries about insurance have gone up 800% since the virus affected the United States. So many have seen friends, neighbors and relatives succumb to the illness, whether healthy or with underlying issues, that they have questioned their own mortality.

They want to know, what will happen to my family, if something happens to me?

Will my wife be able to get by, with one less social security check coming in?

Do I have enough insurance to pay off my bills and final expenses if I die?

Is there enough to have my family stay in our home? For how long?

Could my kids still go to college?

Will my wife need to work two jobs to make ends meet? Or will she need to sell the house and move into an apartment or move in with relatives?

You know who gets the death proceeds if you die, have you thought about what that money would cover? How long it would last based on your current household expenses?

Life insurance. What it really should be called in Love insurance, because it takes care of the ones you love.

Let me ask you one last question. If something were to happen to you suddenly, and you want your family to be financially independent, how much additional life insurance would you want to have? Where would that money go? To pay for what?

I can meet with you online or over the phone to help you answer questions like these and so many more. That's who we are and what we do. Protecting Catholic Families Since 1882.

**Fraternally yours,  
Michael Fischer  
Field Agent**

**201-245-2187  
michael.fischer@kofc.org**

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

July 1: Edward Reichert

July 2: Daniel Collins Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!, Edward Carney and Kenneth Krautheim

July 3: Jon Pallouras Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

July 4: America

July 6: Thomas Duke

July 7: James King

July 10: Frank Leto

July 13: James Rendine

July 15: William Rendine and Bradford Beyer

July 16: Fredrick Jones, Vincent Boniface, Mark O' Grady and George Maceri

July 19: Joseph Sicari

July 22: Richard Morgan

July 25: Robert Young

July 26: Javier Pardo Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

July 27: Kevin Doughty

July 28: Joseph Marren

July 31: Joseph Connors



## JULY 2020

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
			<b>1</b> Start of 2020 Columbian year	2	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day
5	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	8	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	11
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Council Officers Meeting @7PM / Columbian Club Meeting @8PM	14	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	17 Council Blood Drive 5 – 8:30PM @Council	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	20 General Council Meeting @8PM	<b>21</b> Cooking Team Meets @5:45 to Cook at "Meals With A Mission" *	<b>22</b>	23	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
26	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	29	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

\*Events are subject to postponement or cancellation

## GET THE PICTURE

On Father's Day weekend, in person mass returned to Sacred Heart Parish. Special thanks to the brothers who helped out on June 20. (Pictured left to right in 3<sup>rd</sup> picture: new Outside Guard Jorge Ramos, PGK Bill Courtney, Fr. Rich Kelly, Chancellor Nelson Cupeles, Thomas Duke and DGK Vince Sicari)



The "Grand Finale" of the 2020 "20 Week Club" was held on Friday June 26 both in person, and for the first time, virtually. About 10 council officers gathered behind the council to watch, with hundreds more watching on our website, Facebook page and on YouTube, with bated breath as Co-chairman Evans Lazzaro pulled the tickets of all the winners. Thank you to Brother Evans Lazzaro and PGK Jon Kennedy for running such a good event and coming up with a creative way to have a "Grand Finale". Special thanks to Brother William Sanchez for providing the audio and camera work, as well as the ESPN like ticker on the bottom of the screen, and for allowing a large audience to witness the "Grand Finale" during these different times.

**Knights Of Columbus 2842** was live. ...  
 Posted by William Sanchez  
 Yesterday at 6:00 PM · 🌐

Join us on Friday June 26, 2020 at 6PM we stream our 20 Week Club Final Drawings LIVE. Click "Get Reminder"

Watch together with friends or with a group Start

